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To Unveil Monument.
Woodmen of the World will unveil the monument of Sovereign the monument of Oak Hill cemetery at 2:45 p. m., Sunday afternoon, July 15th. Members of Cypress Camp, No. 1, requested to be at the hall on Second street at 2:45 p. m.

Passing of An Old Citizen.
Dalton, a life-long citizen of Palatka, died on Sunday evening of cancer. The funeral was held at the residence on Monday morning at 10 o'clock, and was conducted by his pastor, Rev. S. S. of the Methodist church. Dalton is survived by his wife and sister, besides several near relatives. He was a man who was respected by the people of the city and his death, while not unexpected, was greatly regretted.

Fr. Charles Leaves Palatka.

Rev. Father Charles, for the past year rector of St. Monica's Catholic church in this city, and whose illness was reported some two weeks ago when he went to St. Vincent's Hospital, Jacksonville, returned to the city last week, but on advice of his physician and the consent of Bishop Curley, has at least temporarily relinquished the pastorate and on Monday left for Chicago. Father Charles is not well and he goes away for a rest in order to avert a nervous breakdown. His going is generally regretted, as he was fast gaining a hold on the affections of Palatka people.

Rev. Father Dunford late of Daytona, where he was an assistant pastor, has been appointed to St. Monica's church and will officiate next Sunday. The new pastor is a young man also.

ICE ADVANCES FIFTY PER CENT IN PALATKA

By Order Palatka Public Service Co.—Now 60c per 100 Lbs.

On Monday the price of ice in 100 lb. lots went from 40 to 60 cents per hundred. There had been only a few hours advance notice of the raise. In smaller quantities, especially in the small pieces taken daily for water cooler purposes the increase amounts to nearly 100 per cent.

The people are not feeling good concerning this sudden advance in the price of a commodity which is now looked upon as one of the necessities of comfortable summer time living. A good many housewives are "up in arms" and the advance has been the chief over the fence talk among neighbors.

Palatka's ice plant is owned by the Southern Utilities Company, a company which only a little more than a year ago purchased the plant of the old Palatka Gas Light & Fuel Co., and which has the gas and light and power franchise in this city for a term of thirty years, a franchise granted by the city council.

The company has been charged with furnishing a less candle-power light than it was required to guarantee under the terms of its franchise. Beyond this there has been no criticism on the part of the public that has been the least unfavorable to the company.

Its ice plant is run in connection with its light and power plant, and both have been modernized. The company, which controls the lighting and other public utility franchises in a number of Florida cities, some time ago purchased property and announced its purposes to erect a large office building in this city, with the purpose of making Palatka its headquarters.

While it has a franchise covering light and power, it simply has a monopoly in the manufacture of ice. Any other company is privileged to come here and make and sell ice.

There are two sides to this question of advance.

Every citizen The News has interviewed on the subject pronounces it a "hold up." That's a natural view.

The company states that it is a necessity that labor and all materials entering into the manufacture of ice has gone so high in price that it was compelled to make the advance. That's a war-time and plausible explanation.

Certain it is that everything else we consume in our daily lives has gone up in price.

The Palatka Public Service Co. announces its new schedule of prices in this paper. Read them over, and read the company's reasons for the advance, which is certainly a mighty leap to come upon a Christianized community with such suddenness.

"Neither thing," the city is helpless. There is no appeal. We'll have to take our medicine. And if we want ice, why, there's no way to get it except to pay the prices named in the new schedule, or—an appeal to Catts.

DUNCAN TOWNSEND BUYS "THE PALMS"

Of A. M. Probst, Who With his Family Leaves for Boston.

Duncan C. Townsend, well-known capitalist of East Palatka has purchased the pretty home on the St. Johns river known as "The Palms," of A. M. Probst.

The sale was consummated late last week, and on Monday Mr. and Mrs. Probst and their little one left for Boston in their Studebaker touring car. It is quite doubtful if Mr. and Mrs. Probst ever return to Palatka for a permanent residence, a fact that will be sincerely regretted by their many admirers.

Mr. Probst has also disposed of his business interest here to Mr. Val. C. Thomas. He was agent for the Studebaker motors and was interested with Mr. Thomas in the garage.

A. D. Curry in Poor Health.

Friends of A. D. Curry, formerly of this city but now living at Hawkinsville, Ga., have received word in the past few days to the effect that he has been in a serious condition of health for the past three weeks as a result of a partial stroke of paralysis. This will be cause for sincere regret on the part of his many old friends in Palatka and other parts of Putnam county.

Death of Mrs. E. W. J. Parrish.

News of the death of Mrs. E. W. J. Parrish was received by friends in this city on Monday. Her death occurred at her home in Miami, that day.

Mrs. Parrish was the daughter of the late Col. W. D. Allen of Fruitland, for many years a member of the board of county commissioners. With her husband Mrs. Parrish left Fruitland some 14 years ago and went to Miami. She had been in delicate health some time.

Besides her husband, she is survived by two sons, one sister, Mrs. W. J. Gaudier of Miami, and two brothers, Rev. Wm. F. Allen of Titusville, and Andrew Allen of Miami.

BILL WALTON WINS RIFLE RANGE HONORS

At Fort McPherson—600 Yd. Score Highest Yet Heard From.

Lieutenant William N. Walton of the Reserve Officers' Training Camp at Fort McPherson, Ga., went into camp with a knowledge of rifle shooting that already qualified him as an expert. In his practice at the training camp he is simply turning what was a reputation into an actual record.

He has been shooting at 200, 400, 500, 600, 800 and 1,000 yards, and among the men who have so far completed their shooting, he stands first in rank.

In the 500 and 600 yard ranges he made an average of 49 scores out of a possible 50. In this scoring there were eight bulls' eye shots. In other words if the eye had been a nail, Bill would have driven it in. As it was he simply made a hole.

The score of 49 at 600 yards was the high score so far as yet heard from any of the 16 training camps in the country.

Mr. Walton has finished his shooting; others have not; among those who have not there are a couple of fellows who have been making scores about along even with our Palatka man. There is a possibility they may outscore him. But from all previous records made on the range, W. N. Walton of Palatka, Putnam county, Florida, will rank either 1, 2 or 3.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETS MAKES APPOINTMENTS

Of Additional Teachers; Preference for Home Certificates.

At a meeting of the county school board last Tuesday the following teachers (additional to those already announced in this paper) were appointed for the ensuing year:

Palatka—Mrs. Merryday and Miss Ida Leib, the latter to have charge of musical instruction.

Hollister—J. C. Weaver and Mrs. J. C. Weaver.

San Mateo—Lewis Hancock and Mrs. Mattie T. Hanna.

Grandin—Miss Caldwell.

Barlow—Maggie Conway.

Harlem—Arzema Miller.

East Palatka—L. Black.

Radman—C. L. Vause.

Johnson—Mrs. Della Letzell.

Satsuma—Lillie Green.

Orange Mills—Warren Trotman.

Etowah—Bertie Manning.

Florham—Georgia Cannon (additional).

The board took some exception to the work of the County Demonstration Agent; it thought her duties ended in showing how canning should be done—that she was not employed to work for other people, and the superintendent was authorized to notify her.

On appeal from Rev. Ellison, pastor of the colored Presbyterian church, representing the colored people of the city, the board appointed a colored woman of known ability county canning agent for the colored people. The district trustees stated that they would build her a demonstration kitchen adjoining the colored school building, size 20 x 20.

The board took a decided stand in favoring the appointment of teachers to county schools who obtained their certificates from the county examining board, rather than those who obtain certificates from other county boards.

There were a number of teachers who received slight increase in salary, in each of which case there was good reason for the increase.

St. Mark's Episcopal Church.

Divine service on Sunday at 7 a. m., with Holy Communion. 9:45 a. m., Sunday school; 11 a. m., Litany and Altar service; 7:30 p. m., Vespers. The rector will preach.

A Picnic Party.

Mrs. Elizabeth Howe was given a delightful birthday picnic supper last evening at Silver Lake. The guests went out to the lake at 5 and enjoyed swimming and a bountiful spread, returning at 8 o'clock. The following friends helped to make Mrs. Howe, the honoree, enjoy a most pleasant evening, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Leeks, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Barnett, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Watters, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Mann, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Wilson, Mrs. L. A. Smith, Miss Edith Kupperbusch and Mayor W. P. Merriam.

Annual House Party.

The joys of a house party are unlimited judging from the fact that this outing is an annual affair with the following young people at Dun-donald Grove, Walaka: Misses Dorothy Davis, Kathleen Hilburn, Mamie Myers, Dorothy Merriam, Bryte Stutz, Priscilla Hamm and Messrs. Bert Hodge, Fred Leeks, Crom. Anderson, Mercer Davis, Jack Merriam and Frank Owens. The party left Palatka Saturday afternoon chaperoned by Messdames W. P. Merriam and Annie Davis and will remain till Saturday July 14th.

REV. FATHER O'BRIEN, DIED SUNDAY MORNING

Was Eleven Years Pastor in Palatka—Vicar General of Diocese.

Very Reverend John O'Brien, vicar general of the Catholic diocese of St. Augustine and rector of the Cathedral, died in St. Vincent's Hospital, Jacksonville, last Sunday morning about 9:30 o'clock. Death was due to atrophic cirrhosis of the liver from which he had suffered about two weeks.

Palatka people who remembered the long and faithful pastorate of the deceased priest in this city, were profoundly stirred by the news of his death. Few men in the ministry ever get quite so close to the real heart of the people of this city as did Father O'Brien. He gave up the pastorate of St. Monica's church, Palatka, the latter part of September, 1903, when he was appointed to the pastorate of Fernandina. At the time of his leaving Palatka The News said:

"There will be widespread regret in Palatka over the departure of Father O'Brien. He has been pastor of St. Monica's nearly eleven years, and aside from his priestly office, is a scholarly, affable and polished gentleman who has taken a deep interest in all that concerns the welfare of the city and its people. The regret of Palatkans, however, will be balanced somewhat by the knowledge that the change is a deserved promotion and that in his new work Father O'Brien will have a larger field of endeavor."

The story of his life is told in the St. Augustine Record of Monday. It says:

In November, 1886, Father O'Brien entered the American College in Rome to prepare for his work as a priest in this diocese of St. Augustine, then governed by the Rt. Rev. John Moore of happy memory. For six years Father O'Brien pursued his studies in philosophy and theology in the world-famous College of the Propaganda, where he distinguished himself as one of the most brilliant among the hundreds of talented young men from all parts of the world who were his class fellows. During these years he had as his companions the Rt. Rev. M. P. Foley, bishop of Jaro and former rector of the Cathedral; Dr. Thomas Moore, a nephew of Bishop Moore; Dr. William Turner of the Catholic University, and Dr. Michael Maher, rector of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Jacksonville, all priests of this diocese.

Father O'Brien was ordained priest in the basilica of St. John Lateran, Rome, on the 11th of June, 1892, by His Eminence Cardinal Parocchi, cardinal vicar of Rome. After a short vacation in Ireland which was spent with his parents, Father O'Brien, in company with Father Maher, came to Florida in the fall of 1892. He was first appointed to St. Monica's church, Palatka, and soon endeared himself to the citizens of that place, irrespective of religious affiliation by his zeal, his splendid talents and his active association in every movement that made for civic progress. He built the present church edifice in Palatka, and stimulated interest in Catholic education, attending at the same time outlying missions in Putnam and Volusia counties.

In 1903 he was appointed by the late Rt. Rev. Bishop Kenney to the large and important parish of St. Michael in Fernandina. There he was at all times revered by the citizens, regardless of creed, who saw in him not only the devoted priest but also the public-spirited citizen ready at all times to lend his best efforts to any cause that made for the betterment of the community. He frequently occupied positions on public boards and more than once was called upon to voice the sentiments of the people on matters of importance.

In 1910 Fr. Foley, then rector of the Cathedral, was promoted to the episcopate, leaving a vacancy in the Cathedral. In 1911 Father O'Brien was appointed rector of the Cathedral to succeed his classmate, Bishop Foley. On the death of Bishop Kenney in October, 1913, Father O'Brien was named administrator of the vacant diocese. Up to the time of the appointment of a successor to Bishop Kenney, Father O'Brien exercised all the powers of a bishop.

On the 30th of June, 1914, the newly-consecrated Bishop performed the first act of his administration by appointing the Very Reverend Father O'Brien vicar general of the diocese. From that time until the day of his death he acted with the bishop in the government of the Catholic church in Florida. During the bishop's absences from the Cathedral, Father O'Brien took his place in matters episcopal.

As rector of the Cathedral and vicar general of the diocese.

PROMINENT PALATKANS APPLY FOR ADMISSION

In Second Reserve Officers' Training Camp at Ft. McPherson.

Attorney H. E. Merryday and Mr. Julien J. Sutherland, the well-known naval stores operator of San Mateo, have made application for admission to the second Reserve Officers' Training Camp which will open for the three months' instruction August 27th.

The system is different this time than that which prevailed at the opening of the first camp last May. At this time the applicant simply fills out a blank form for admission and forwards it to the recruiting officer. If this proves satisfactory the applicant is ordered to report later for his physical examination.

Messrs. Merryday and Sutherland have each made the preliminary move. They have been slowly but surely accumulating a thirst for German gear, now that the war is on in earnest.

Geo. H. Selden, Kelly Reynolds and Charles Anderson, the latter inheriting a military spirit, have made application for enlistment in the Reserve Forestry Corps.

car general of this diocese of St. Augustine Father O'Brien was without a peer in brilliancy of intellectual attainments, sound judgment, keen intuition of what was right and proper, in devotion to his priestly work or in splendid traits of manly character. Father O'Brien celebrated the silver jubilee of his ordination on June 11th last.

Only those whose privilege it was to know Father O'Brien intimately could appreciate the real value of the man. His was a hidden life in every sense of the word. None knew of his multitude of good works, his love for the poor and the afflicted, and the aid and consolation rendered to such. He despised notoriety, and to the very end of his life he was always more concerned for the welfare of others than for his own comfort and convenience. He was blunt, straightforward, hiding under a certain coldness of manner of which he himself was totally unconscious the simplicity of a child, the imagination of a poet and a heart of gold. He was absolutely without guile, possessing the most profound sympathy where the frailties of human nature were concerned, and intolerant of duplicity in any degree. Where the cause of religion, the salvation of souls, the defense of truth, justice and decency were concerned he was tireless in his efforts. His best energies were devoted to every cause that made for the public weal, and the present splendid Cathedral parish school is a monument to his work in behalf of Catholic education. Widely read, a deep student and a profound thinker, he brought to his work in this diocese a keenness of intellect, a soberness and wisdom of judgment, a vast erudition, of which few were aware. He was an ideal priest, a conscientious and efficient official, a manly man—a true priest of God. His death is a distinct loss to the church and to this community.

The historic cathedral at St. Augustine was crowded on the occasion of Father O'Brien's funeral Wednesday morning. The body arrived from Jacksonville on Tuesday in a private car over the Florida East Coast Railway, escorted by several priests. On arrival in St. Augustine the body was met at the depot by the bishop and the cathedral clergy and societies of the cathedral parish and children of the parish school. The body lay in state before the high altar until Wednesday morning.

On Wednesday at 10 a. m. the office of the dead was recited by the priests of the diocese, and at 10:30 a. m. a solemn pontifical mass of requiem was celebrated by Rt. Rev. Bishop Curley. The sermon was preached by Father Conoley. Bishop Curley also paid an eloquent tribute to his dead associate and closest friend.

After the services a great funeral procession escorted the body to its final resting place in the cemetery, where the interment services were conducted by Rev. M. Maher, D. D. of Jacksonville.

The St. Augustine chamber of Commerce at a special meeting on Monday passed resolutions touching on the death of Father O'Brien, who for many years was an active and influential member of the organization. The business houses of St. Augustine remained closed during the hour or more of the funeral mass.

We ought to call to reason, like a good physician, as a help in misfortune. —E. H. T. S.

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